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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF STRATHAM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1,

1876.

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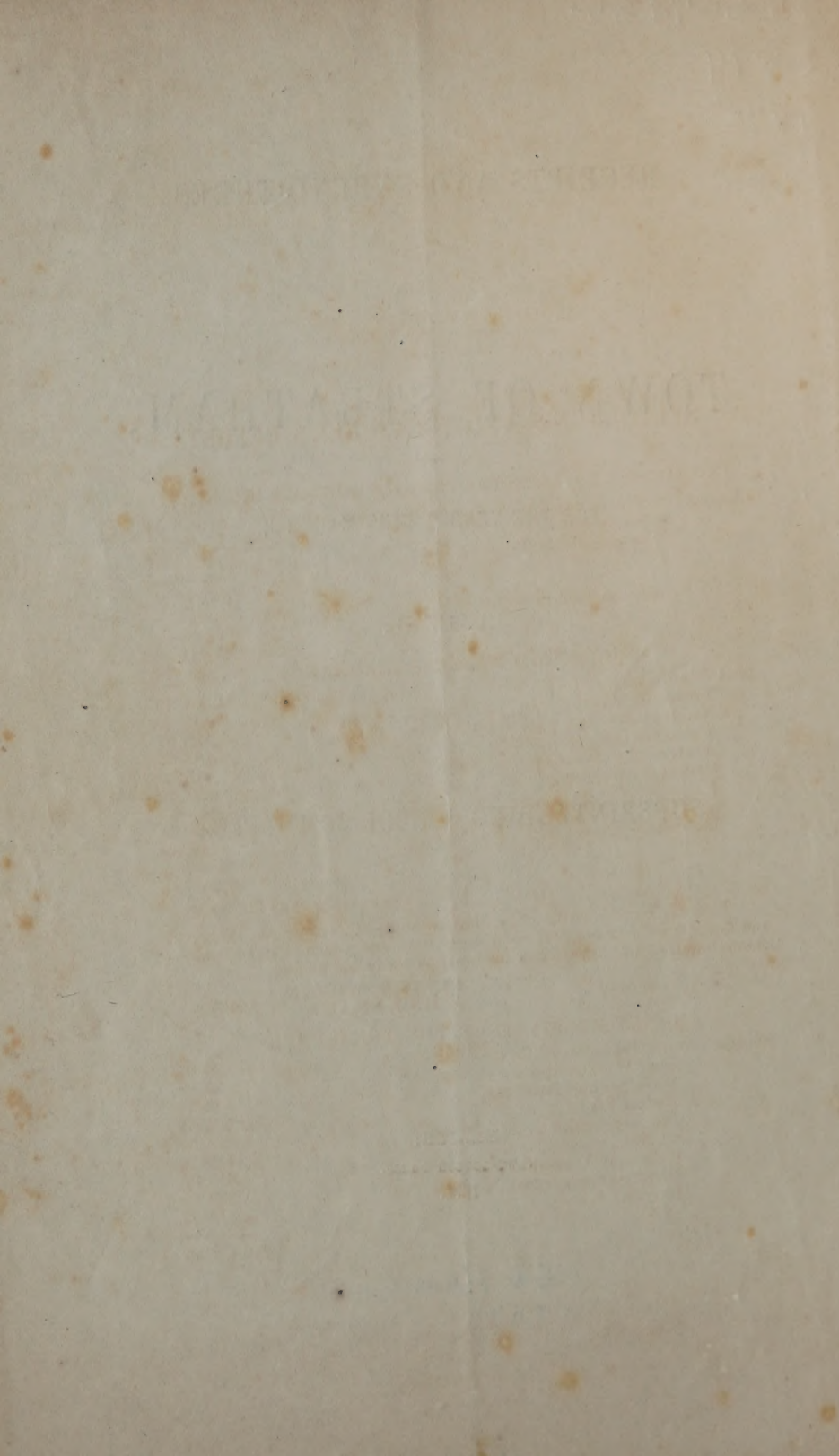
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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SELECTMEN'S AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

ACCOUNT OF COLLECTOR GEORGE A. WIGGIN.

Amount of taxes committed to him for collection,	\$6,556 44
Non-resident tax,	391 91
Non-residents' highway tax,	33 84
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	\$6,981 99
Uncollected taxes for 1874,	459 97
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	\$7,441 96

COLLECTOR WIGGIN'S DISCHARGE.

Paid County tax,	\$1,284 79
Treasurer in cash,	5,813 09
Non-residents' tax worked out,	17 07
Three per cent. discount,	108 02
Abatement of taxes,	17 39
Collector's services,	100 00
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	\$7,340 36
Interest on taxes,	18 05
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	\$7,358 41

STRATHAM, Feb. 23, 1876.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of George A. Wiggin, and find them fairly brought and rightly cast, and vouched and a balance of one hundred and one dollars and sixty cents in his hands.

ISAAC S. WIGGIN, }
JOHN J. SMART, } *Auditors.*

MONEY RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER.

Received of the Treasurer of 1874,	\$1,830 91
Geo. W. Thompson,	34 88
State Savings Bank tax,	514 71
Railroad tax,	271 42
Literary fund,	47 30
County,	142 30
Collector Wiggin,	5,813 09
Hired on town notes,	1,800 00
Interest,	18 05
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	\$10,472 66

TREASURER'S DISCHARGE.

Outstanding Demands. and Sundry Expenses.

Paid James W. Odlin, tax on farm in Exeter, 1874,	\$13 60
Thomas W. Taylor, board of Jeremiah Sanborn, '74,	5 00
S. S. Brackett, abatement, '74,	5 86
Charles Marseilles, printing town reports,	28 00
Greenleaf C. Brown, damage to sheep by dogs, '74,	5 00
R. Scammon, services after auditing,	6 75
I. S. Wiggin, " " "	5 00
D. P. Batchelder, witnesses on Wentworth case,	8 77
William Wentworth, damage to sleigh,	2 50
John L. Hoag, ringing bell and sweeping hall,	3 00
Josiah Burley, note in full and interest,	102 85
John Emery, note in part,	30 00
Ira Brown, services Supt. farm in full,	213 20
P. Merrill, abatement, poll tax of Stephen Chase,	2 20
Andrew Chase, interest on notes,	42 00
Shadrach Robinson, note and interest in full,	427 13
Exeter Mfg. Co., sawing lumber 1874-5,	25 08
J. W. Odell, certificates of birth,	75
John J. Smart, note and interest,	170 32
Caleb Wiggin, abatement, tax on parsonage, 1874,	13 34
Samuel S. Chase, note and interest Andrew Chase,	1,243 60
" " " in part " "	800 00
Mark Roberts, interest on note,	60 00
Thomas M. Leavitt, abatement loss of cow, '74,	75
D. P. Batchelder, labor \$53, and materials, \$11.50,	64 50
Ezra Barker, interest on notes,	38 83
Ira Brown, salary in part,	100 00
" " benefit town farm,	50 00
E. R. Thompson, interest on note,	18 00
Mary A. Jones, abatement, Jeremiah H. Jones, '74,	12 11
A. R. Wiggin, coffin for A. Boardman,	11 00
M. E. and H. A. Hobbs, robe for A. Boardman,	2 50
J. W. Odell, medical attendance on Co. poor in '73 and 4,	35 00
Ezra Barker, note in full,	1,000 00
Sarah Chase, interest,	12 36
W. O. Junkins, attendance on M. Boardman,	12 00
J. N. Head, tax on farm in Exeter, 1875,	9 99
State tax,	1,380 00
R. F. M. Ins. Co., insurance on town farm buildings,	9 45
Joseph Tilton, abatement, tax of Jos. Smith,	6 00
Witnesses on Wentworth case,	48 33
Geo. W. Parkman, abatement,	3 95
A. Robinson, nine M. shingles,	27 00
Leonard Lang, loss of cow,	59
George E. Lane, blank books and stationery,	7 25
Chas. Kelly, digging grave and attending funeral of A. Boardman,	4 00
John N. Thompson, services as Treasurer,	25 00
Stephen Scammon, abatement, loss of horses,	3 33
Selectmen's expenses while making new inventory,	
Guides, \$2.25; meals, \$13.75,	16 00
B. H. Jewett, abatement, '72-'3 and '5	10 28

Paid I. N. Stockbridge, abatement, loss of horse and dog,	2 19
J. J. Smart and I. S. Wiggin, auditors,	6 00
J. W. Odell, medical attendance on Sarah Philpot,	25 00
George W. Bowley, loss of cow, abatement,	55
John French, witness fees, '74,	1 12
Nathan Norton, watering trough,	3 00
Jos. S. Staples, services as Town Clerk,	15 00
Nathaniel Wiggin, Greenland, abatement,	4 77
J. H. Barker, abatement,	3 18
Selectmen's expenses,	4 00
George A. Wiggin, abatement,	2 06
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	\$6,190 04

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Thomas Piper, breaking roads,	\$30 70
Charles E. Tuttle, " "	3 00
R. B. Smith, " "	23 30
David J. French, " "	20 80
E. M. C. Lane, " "	6 80
Jesse Merrill, " "	2 00
John S. Brewster, " "	15 00
R. Scammon, " "	12 53
Emmons B. Chase, " "	4 00
Mark F. Young, " "	7 40
Benaiah Wiggin, " "	31 50
George A. Wiggin, " "	32 60
Benjamin S. Jenness, " "	29 80
Elisha Chase, " "	6 60
John S. Scammon, " "	5 40
George E. Chase, " "	2 40
J. J. Scammon, " "	29 55
S. C. Dixon, " "	21 20
A. Robinson, " " 1874,	12 05
Ira Brown, " "	9 80
David Jewell, Jr., " "	4 00
Sylvester H. Wiggin, " " 1874,	6 00
John Ayers, stone for repairing bridge, 1874,	10 00
S. H. Wiggin, repairing bridge and overwork on road, 1874,	7 75
Thomas Piper, labor on road and bridge, and lumber for bridge,	22 87
Horace Ellison, labor on road bridge and railing,	12 70
I. S. Wiggin, overwork on road,	1 45
" " repairs on bridge,	22 00
Otis B. French, repairing bridges,	19 87
A. Robinson, lumber for bridges, 1874,	13 00
" " labor and gravel,	10 82
E. B. Chase, work on road,	2 06
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	\$444 95

SCHOOLS.

Paid George W. Ayers, benefit of school Dist. No. 2, for 1874,	\$164 00
David J. French, " " " No. 3, "	178 00

Paid John J. Smart,	benefit of school Dist. No. 1,	230 00
George W. Ayers,	" " " No. 2,	364 00
David J. French	" " " No. 3,	278 00
Albert A. Batchelder,	" " " No. 4,	233 00

\$1,447 00

TAX ASSESSED IN SCHOOL DIST. NO. 3,

Paid David J. French,	\$250 00
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TOWN AND COUNTY POOR.

Paid Town and County poor not at farm,	\$85 59
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TOWN OF STRATHAM,

1875	To JOHN N. THOMPSON, Dr.	
March 10,	To settling with Treasurer of 1874,	\$0 50
" 16,	one evening in session,	50
" 25,	preparing inventory books and writing obligation for Supt. farm,	1 25
" 31,	going to P. O.,	50
April 1,	one day at town farm,	2 00
" 2,	appointing Supt. School Committee,	50
" 3,	writing order of notice upon petition for highways, and making five copies of same and of petition,	1 50
" 7,	one-half day making assessments,	1 00
" "	going to Exeter, for town,	25
" 9,	one day making assessments,	2 00
" 10,	on -half day "	1 00
" 15,	going to Haverhill to pay note,	2 50
" 19,	attending hearing on petition for road,	1 00
" "	making return to clerk,	25
" 20,	return of property valuation to State Treas.,	50
May 8,	half day in session,	1 00
" "	making and recording taxes and School House Tax,	10 00
" 13,	making out Surveyor's books,	1 50
" 15,	appointing Surveyor,	1 50
" 25,	preparing Collector's book,	1 50
" 27,	making return to State Treas.,	50
" "	" " " County "	50
" 28,	going to P. O. and Collector Wiggins,	75
July 7,	hiring money and getting note signed,	2 50
Aug. 25,	going to Ezra Barker's to pay note,	50
" 30,	" " " " and interest,	50
" "	to Mr. Batchelder's and Mr. Lane's	50
Oct. 1,	going to Mr. Lane's,	50
Nov. 16,	going to farm and Exeter on town business,	75
" 17,	to Greenland and Portsmouth to settle with County,	2 50
" 26,	farm and J. J. Scammon's on account of Thomas Healy,	50
" 27,	going to P. O. to see records, about Healy,	50
Dec. 4,	taking Healy to Co. farm,	1 50
" 9,	paying State tax,	50
" 13,	revising jury box,	50

Dec. 29,	To finding amount of inventory for Selectmen's meeting at Exeter,	75
" 30,	attending meeting of Selectmen at Exeter,	2 00
" "	attending jury meeting,	50
1875.		
Jan. 24,	going to Mr. Batchelder's about Supt. Com., also about Wentworth case,	74
" 25,	one day summoning witnesses and to Exeter,	2 50
26, 27,	two days attending court at Exeter,	4 00
Feb. 6,	care of insane man, and carrying him to Exeter,	2 50
" 7,	one evening in session,	75
" 19,	one day at farm,	2 00
" "	paying Co. poor monthly.	6 00
" 23,	one day auditing,	3 00
Sept. to Nov.	14 days making new inventory,	42 00
		<hr/> \$110 49

Received payment.

JOHN N. THOMPSON.

TOWN OF STRATHAM,

1875.		To D. P. BATCHELDER, DR.
March 10,	To J. Thompson and Exeter,	\$1 00
" 15,	- Exeter,	1 00
" 16,	one evening in session,	50
" 20,	summoning witnesses,	4 95
" 22,	Portsmouth and summoning witnesses,	3 20
" 23,	Portsmouth,	3 00
April 1,	at town farm,	2 50
2, 5, 6,	taking inventory,	7 50
" 7, 9,	making assessments,	5 00
" 10,	the post office,	50
" 19,	examining route for road,	1 25
May 8,	one-half day in session,	1 25
" 19,	J. Thompson,	50
" "	returning rail road stock,	1 00
" "	post office,	50
" 29,	J. Thompson's,	50
" 31,	Andrew Boardman's,	50
June 25,	J. Thompson's,	50
July 29,	E. M. C. Lane's,	50
Sept. 3,		
to Oct. 29,	12 days appraising real estate,	36 00
Oct. 21,	car fare,	40
Nov. 9,	Portsmouth,	3 00
" 10,	Exeter,	75
" 15,	"	75
" 16,	Portsmouth,	3 00
Dec. 13,	revising jury box,	50
" 29,	one-half day in session,	1 25
" 30,	one day to Exeter,	2 00
1876.		
Jan. 21,	one-half day "	1 00
" 25,	Exeter,	50

Jan.	25,	To summoning witnesses,	2 45
"	26,	one day at Exeter,	2 50
"	27,	" " "	2 50
"	"	summoning witnesses,	1 25
"	28,	one-half day at Exeter,	1 25
Feb.	7,	one evening in session,	50
"	19,	one day at farm,	2 00
"	23,	auditing,	3 00

\$100 25

Received payment,

D. P. BATCHELDER.

TOWN OF STRATHAM,

Feb. 1876.		To E. M. C. LANE, DR.	
1875.			
March		To evening in session at J. T's,	50
"	22,	Portsmouth on Wentworth case,	2 50
"	23,	" " "	2 50
"	31,	jury meeting,	25
April	1,	one day at town farm,	2 00
"	2,	one day taking inventory,	2 50
"	3,	one-half day "	1 25
"	5,	" " "	1 25
"	6,	one " "	2 50
"	7,	" " in session,	2 00
"	8,	one-half day in measuring timber and wood,	1 00
"	9,	one " session,	2 00
"	10,	one-half " " and one-half day other busi-	
		ness,	2 00
"	19,	" " attending road petition,	1 00
May	8,	" " in session at J. T's,	1 00
"	13,	" " "	1 00
"	14,	one " appointing surveyors,	2 50
Dec.	30,	attending selectmen's county convention,	2 25
Jan.		summoning witnesses on Wentworth case,	75
"		two days attending court at Exeter,	5 00
1876.			
Feb.	8,	evening in session,	50
"	1,	one day at town farm,	2 00
"	27,	" auditing,	3 00
Sept, Oct,		14 days on new appraisal,	42 00
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			\$83 25

\$83 25

Received payment,

E. M. C. LANE.

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding demands and sundry expenses,	\$6,190 04
Highways and bridges,	444 95
Schools,	1,447 00
Schoolhouse,	250 00
County poor,	85 59
Selectmen's bills,	293 99
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	1,761 09
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	\$10,472 66

STRATHAM, Feb. 23, 1876.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast and vouched, and a balance of seventeen hundred and sixty-one dollars and nine cents in his hands. (\$1,761 09).

ISAAC S. WIGGIN, }
JOHN J. SMART, } *Auditors.*

TOWN FARM.

Expenditures,	\$1,358 12
Superintendent's salary,	380 00
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	\$1,738 12
Receipts—articles sold from the farm,	\$1,370 81
Appraised value of stock and provisions more than one year ago,	150 51
Board of poor at farm at \$1.50 per week,	165 00
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	1,686 32
Balance against the farm,	\$51 80
Tax on farm in Exeter,	9 99
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	\$61 79

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. THOMPSON, Treasurer.

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Notes held against the town,	\$7,445 55
Other bills as estimated,	200 00
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	\$7,645 55

MEANS OF PAYMENT.

Cash in Treasurer's hands,	\$1,761 09
Uncollected taxes,	101 60
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	\$1,862 69
Amount of town debt,	\$5,782 86
Reduction of town debt this year,	\$1,973 90

The foregoing statement is exclusive of the Wentworth case.

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

JOHN SMART, Prudential Committee.

Summer term commenced May 17, and closed October 4th, there having been a vacation of seven weeks from July 12 to September 6. Teacher, Miss Anna Hilton Dow. This school was not visited by your present Committee, but he is informed that good satisfaction was given by the teacher. The register has been specially well kept. Winter term commenced November 29, and is still in session. Teacher, Mr. Frederick E. Eldridge.

This is Mr. Eldridge's first term in this District; but he is an experienced teacher, and this school shows that the superintendence of schools of a higher grade has not unfitted him for the care of this one. While particularly interested in the progress of the brighter children, he has shown commendable patience in his endeavors to stimulate those whose minds are less active.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

GEORGE W. AYERS, Prudential Committee.

Summer term commenced May 3, and closed November 4, there having been a vacation of five weeks, from July 2 to August 9. Teacher, Miss Alice Maud Swett;—her first experience as a teacher.

Good satisfaction with the school is reported. Winter term commenced December 6, and is still in session. Teacher, Miss Alice Maud Swett.

Miss Swett appeared to be animated by a desire to do her duty in every respect, welcoming any suggestions regarding methods of instruction, whereby she might profit. Your Committee was specially pleased with her way of drilling the class in spelling, and with the very neat appearance of the children's copy books. Miss Swett has now left the school for the purpose of attending the spring term of the State Normal school, and the term will be kept until its close by Miss M. H. Wentworth, in whose judgment and experience great confidence is expressed.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

DAVID FRENCH, Prudential Committee.

Summer term commenced May 24, and closed September 18. Teacher, Miss Juliett M. Pickering.

Miss Pickering had previously taught in the District with such good results as to suggest her re-engagement for this term. Your Committee is informed that the school was, as it was expected it would be, a good one. Winter term commenced November 29, and closed February 18. Teacher, Mr. Jonathan Rollins.

Mr. Rollins had previously taught three terms in this District, and the Prudential Committee has evidently been wise in employing him. A good school house, well cared for by the children; a neat, orderly and attentive school, with a teacher commanding and receiving the respect due his station, show a great change from the reputation of the school some years since.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

A. A. BATCHELDER, Prudential Committee.

Summer term commenced May 17, and closed September 10. Teacher Miss Emma Blodgett. Winter term commenced November 15, and closed January 30. Teacher, Miss Emma Blodgett.

These two terms were Miss Blodgett's fourth and fifth successive ones in the district; a fact which of itself is a recognition of her fitness and success as a teacher. Your committee was much pleased with the appearance of the school. The teacher showed an interest in instructing her older pupils in unusual studies, without in any way neglecting the younger children. She apparently had the confidence of all, and she was able to rule with ease.

Your present Committee having been appointed late in the winter, to fill an existing vacancy, labors under a disadvantage in making his report. He is unable to state from his own knowledge what advancement the schools have made, or to speak with certainty upon many points, regarding which he would otherwise make suggestions. It is, however, pleasant to note that general satisfaction has been expressed both with the teachers and the progress of the pupils, during the past year.

Your committee has not been familiar with these schools for many years, but he does not hesitate to express the opinion that, since he knew them before, in many respects there has been progress in the right direction. A spirit of insubordination and rowdyism which was at one time prevalent, appears to have been checked, if not killed. No evidence of a state of warfare between teacher and school has been apparent. The boys have been obedient without sulkiness, and the teachers have been willing to instruct without a display of authority. The few instances of discipline which have been reported, were called for by some sudden impulse of disobedience or mischief, and not by determined maliciousness, and the boys recognized the justice of their punishment with a manliness which shows that they possess qualities which, rightly trained, will make them good citizens.

One of our districts is now supplied with a well arranged school house, and its appearance shows that the children appreciate it. The other school houses were cleanly swept, and nearly as well cared for as their condition will warrant. As soon as the districts are able to afford the expense, these houses should be remodeled; it is by no means certain that rebuilding is necessary.

Your Committee noticed with pleasure the introduction of some branches of study more advanced than those formerly thought requisite in district schools. While for all who can afford the time and expense, some instruction beyond what our town affords is most desirable, those higher branches will be a great advantage to many, who do not see their way to avail themselves of other schools, and, with teachers so well educated as those employed during the past year, they may be well taught here to a limited extent.

Your Committee, in noticing this happy improvement in our schools, is comparing them with some of those taught a quarter of a century ago, and is not presenting them as a standard of what they should be. Comparing our present state with that of a *hundred* years ago, as shown by our records, reports and traditions, and then comparing it with the advance made in some other places, we shall find that the fact is that in education, and the accompanying accomplishments and refinements, our fathers of the Revolutionary period were in advance of us. Knowing the value that our ancestors set upon a sound education as the basis upon which, accompanied by pure religion, free institutions could alone flourish, we can show their memories no higher honor in this centennial year, than by endeavoring to provide for the rising generation every advantage by which they may fit themselves to use the independence which was bought for us at so great a price.

JOSEPH C. A. WINGATE.

Superintending School Committee.

Stratham, N. H., February 28, 1876.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

Districts,	.....	*1	*2	3	4
Whole number of scholars in summer,	.....	30	44	30	25
" " " winter,	.....			30	20
Average in summer,	.....	23	28	23	22
" " winter,	.....			27	15
Wages of female teachers per month,	.....	\$30	\$35	\$40	\$34
" male "	.....	\$55		\$60	
Weeks kept in summer,	.....	13	22	10	14
" " winter,	.....			12	11
Visits by Superintending School Committee,	.....	4	3	2	2
" Prudential Committee,	.....			1	1
" citizens and others,	.....			12	15
Income from Literary Fund,	.....	\$47	30		
School money raised by Town,	.....	1207	50		
Whole amount of School money,	.....			\$1254	80

*The winter term of districts Nos. 1 and 2 are still in session.